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paving or repairing, the board of aldermen may cause the same to be furnished, and shall assess against the owner one-half of the full cost thereof; and upon the failure or refusal of the owner to pay his part of said cost the board of aldermen is empowered and directed to assess the amount thereof upon the property and enter the same upon the tax list of said town for the current year; and the said assessment so entered on said tax list shall constitute a lien on said property, and the same may be collected either in the same manner that other taxes are collected or by an action instituted in the name of the corporation of Elizabeth City against said owner in the Superior Court of Pasquotank County, in the nature of an action for foreclosure, in which action judgment may be taken for the sale of said property to satisfy the amount due said town from the owner thereof, as aforesaid. If the owner does furnish the labor and material herein required, the town shall reimburse him to the extent of one-half the cost thereof.

SEC. 54. That the board of aldermen may, from time to time, for the purpose of grading, paving and otherwise improving the streets of Elizabeth City, create and establish assessment districts within said town, and it may require every owner of real estate abutting the streets in any of the said districts to pave one-fourth of the street fronting such lot, in such manner and with such material as the board of aldermen shall at the same time pave one-half thereof, and to enforce such requirement by proper fines and penalties; and upon the failure of such owner to do such paving, after twenty days' notice given by the chief of police to said owner or, if he be a nonresident, to his agent, or if such nonresident have no agent in Pasquotank County, or if personal notice cannot be served upon the owner or agent, then, after publication of a notice by the chief of police for ten days in some newspaper published in said town, notifying said owner to do such paving, the board of aldermen may have same done, and the cost thereof may be assessed upon such property for the current year; and the said assessment so entered on said tax list shall constitute a lien upon said property, and the same may be collected either in the same manner that other taxes are collected or by an action instituted in the name of the town of Elizabeth City against said owner in the Superior Court of Pasquotank County, in the nature of an action of foreclosure, in which action judgment may be taken for the sale of said property to satisfy the amount due said town from the owner thereof, as aforesaid: *Provided, however,* that the said board may allow any person to pay same in equal annual installments, not exceeding five, each installment bearing interest at five per cent until paid: *Provided further,* that all street crossings shall be paved by the town.

SEC. 55. To enable the board of aldermen of Elizabeth City to pave its part of said streets, as set out in the preceding section, and also to enable it to purchase stone curbing (which it is hereby